



Celebrate Endangered Species Day!

May 18, 2012

Started in 2006 by the United States Congress, Endangered Species Day is an opportunity to learn about endangered species and to celebrate our nation's wildlife and wild places. Always held on the third Friday in May, Endangered Species Day is on May 18th this year. Please join us as America celebrates our nation's commitment to protecting endangered species and their habitat with events across the country.

This year, Lincoln's Children's Zoo and Staff from the Nebraska U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will celebrate the winning students of the Zoo's Endangered Species Art Contest on Friday, May 18 at 4pm. Additional interactive activities about endangered species will be provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from noon -- 4:00 PM. Through this celebration, our organizations hope to increase knowledge and understanding of the protected species in Nebraska as well as how everyone can help protect endangered species. The Day's Activities include:

- Nebraska River Otters—Visit the Zoo's River Otters up close and personal to learn about a day in the life of an otter from how we can tell what they eat to seeing how much they like to play!
- Pollinators & Mud Ball Planting—Learn about Nebraska prairies, pollinators, and make a mud ball filled with prairie seeds to take home and plant.
- Endangered Species Activity Booklet—Learn about Threatened and Endangered Species in Nebraska and create your own activity book to take home.
- Media Station—Learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and how you can help protect them! Educational videos and literature will be shown and provided.
- Visit with Biologists about Nebraska's Salt Creek Tiger Beetle and visit other Endangered Species from around the world found at the Zoo!
- Displayed Endangered Species Art Contest Entry Winners and Awards Ceremony (4 to 4:30 PM)



Help Save Endangered Species!